

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action identified above and below, and in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 12-18 and 22-28 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

“PROVISIONAL” DOUBLE-PATENTING

It is respectfully noted that any present double-patenting rejection(s) is only a “provisional” double-patenting rejection. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits a traversal, but refrains from commenting further on a substance of the rejection at this time, until an actual double-patenting rejection is made.

If a situation arises where the only remaining issue blocking allowance is the double-patenting rejection(s), the Examiner is herein requested to telephone the Undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703-312-6600, for the possible immediate preparation/filing of a terminal disclaimer to move the application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees,

including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.35360CX2) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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